GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration and Stamps – Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District – Surprise Check conducted on 06.12.2019 - Initiation of Departmental Proceedings against Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant, Piduguralla, Guntur District – Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.816 Dated:29-09-2022
Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.659, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dated:29-09-2022.

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ORDER:

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the G.O. read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District is directed to submit his written statement of his defence, within seven days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District is further informed that if she does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that she is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District (Enclosed Annexures I to IV) through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur.
Copy to:
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. MEDATHOTI SARASIJAKSHI, SENIOR ASSISTANT, FORMERLY INCHARGE SUB-REGISTRAR, OFFICE OF THE SUB-REGISTRAR, PIDUGURALLA, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

That Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant, formerly incharge Sub-Registrar, O/o Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District (hereinafter referred to as the Government Servant in short G.S.), while acting as Sub-Registrar temporarily between 07-11-2019 and 13-11-2019, she has committed grave misconduct in as much as:

Charge :

That the Govt. Servant Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, who acted as Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, temporarily between 07.11.2019 and 13.11.2019 had allowed four private persons for doing official work in the SRO Office on daily wages without any authorization from the superior officers and thereby violated Circular Memo No.40254/VIG.VI(1)/2008-1,dt.29.09.2008, Circular Memo No.24 dt. 28.10.1998 and Circular Memo No. Card 2/5979/2013 Dt. 18.04.2013 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad.

Thus the Govt. Servant Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant O/o Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, who acted as Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, temporarily between 07.11.2019 and 13.11.2019 by her above-mentioned acts, failed to maintain absolute integrity and devotion to duty and has shown conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules 3 (1) (2) & 3 (5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. MEDATHOTI SARASIJAKSHI, SENIOR ASSISTANT, FORMERLY INCHARGE SUB-REGISTRAR, OFFICE OF THE SUB-REGISTRAR, PIDUGURALLA, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi is native of Guntur. Her date of birth is 20-07-1981 She joined Government Service on 18-10-2008 as Junior Assistant, promoted as Senior Assistant on 30-06-2018 and working Senior Assistant from 30-06-2018 to till the date of Surprise Check i.e., on 6-12-2019 . While working as such, she acted as temporarily Sub-Registrar between 07.11.2019 and 13.11.2019. She is drawing a basic pay of Rs. 25,840/- in the time scale pay of Rs. 22,460/- to Rs. 66,330/-. Her date of attaining superannuation is 31-07-2041. She is hereinafter referred to as Government Servant (G.S)

Charge :

That the Govt. Servant Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, who acted as Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, temporarily between 07.11.2019 and 13.11.2019 had allowed four private persons for doing official work in the SRO Office on daily wages without any authorization from the superior officers and thereby violated Circular Memo No.40254/VIG.VI(1)/2008-1,dt.29.09.2008, Circular Memo No.24 dt. 28.10.1998 and Circular Memo No. Card 2/5979/2013 Dt. 18.04.2013 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad.

Facts and Evidence:

On credible information that the I/c Sub Registrar, Piduguralla, Guntur District and his staff have been collecting mamools from the public who approach registration of various properties, obtaining ECs etc., through some private persons engaged by them, document writers and also their assistants, a surprise check was conducted to the above said office by the Addl.SP, ACB, Guntur District on 06-12-2019 from 16.45 hours to 23.30 hours in the presence of mediators. The mediators drafted the mediators report incorporating all the occurrences during the surprise check.

During the surprise check, the surprise check party noticed the following private persons in the office other than the regular staff who were in the possession of the amounts mentioned against each.

S.No	**Name and addresses of the private persons present at the time of surprise check at O/o. SRO, Piduguralla on 06.12.2019.**	**Amount found with them in Rs.**
01	Sri Shaik Jani Basha S/o Sri Syda, aged 28 years, Private Computer operator, SRO office, Piduguralla R/o near Vidyardhi Global School, Piduguralla town N/o Kachavaram village of Karampudi Mandal, Guntur District Cell No. 7416777359	Rs.50-00
02	Sri Gurram Appireddy S/o Sri Rama Krishna Reddy, aged 38 years, Private Computer operator, SRO office, Piduguralla R/o back side of Anjireddy Hospital, Piduguralla, Cell No. 9849108180	Rs.100-00
03	Sri Kalivela Sanjeeva Kumar S/o Sri Ananda Rao, aged 45 years, Private attender, SRO office, Piduguralla R/o Quarter No. M/18, PWD Colony, Macherla Town, Cell No. 9966087324	Rs.10-00
04	Sri Vankayalapati Yesuratnam S/o Sri Pitchaiah, aged 38 yrs, Private watchmen, O/o SRO, Piduguralla.	Rs.70-00
	Total Rs.	Rs.230-00

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When questioned by the Addl. SP, the above four persons stated that they were engaged by the SRO and staff on daily wages to work in the office without any authorization from the superior officers. They used to attend to the works entrusted by the Sub-Registrar including collection of amounts from the document writers and etc. facts.

As the amounts possessed by the above 4 persons are meager, the amounts were returned to them.

When the Sub-Registrar was questioned about his allowing of the above private persons to handle the Government computers for data entry etc., works, the Sub-Registrar stated that he is the in charge Sub-Registrar to this office since 15 days only. His former Sub-Registrars engaged them and continuing in the office.

The following oral and documentary evidence is available to substantiate the allegation.

ORAL EVIDENE:

1) Sri Shaik Jani Basha S/o Sri Syda, Aged 28 Years, Private Computer Operator, SRO Office, Piduguralla R/o Near Vidyardhi Global School, Piduguralla Town N/O Kachavaram Village Of Karampudi Mandal, Guntur District.

On examination he stated that he is resident of Piduguralla town, native of Kachavaram (V), Karampudi Mandal and he is working as Private Computer Operator in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla since August,2019. He is being paid an amount of Rs. 15,000/- per month by the Sub-Registrar. Sri Syam Babu was the Sub-Registrar. When he was engaged as private computer operator. His successor sub-Registrars i.e. Smt. Sarasajakshi and Sri Sudheer also continued him as private computer operator. On 06.12.2019 at about 4.45 p.m. ACB officials have surprised the Sub-Registrar office and at that time he, another private computer operator Appireddy, private attender K.Sanjiva Kumar, private watchman Sri Yesuratnam, Document writers and their assistants were present in the Sub-Registrar Office and etc. facts.

2) Sri Gurram Appi Reddy S/o Sri Rama Krishna Reddy, Aged 38 Years, Private Computer Operator, SRO Office, Piduguralla R/o Back Side of Anjireddy Hospital, Piduguralla, Guntur District.

On examination he stated that he is resident of Pillutla (V), Machavaram Mandal and he is working as Private Computer Operator in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla since August,2019. He is being paid an amount of Rs. 15,000/- per month by the Sub-Registrar. Sri Syam Babu was the Sub-Registrar, when he was engaged as private computer operator .His successor sub-Registrars i.e. Smt. Sarasajakshi and Sri Sudheer also continued him as private computer operator. On 06.12.2019 at about 4.45 p.m. ACB officials have surprised the Sub-Registrar office and at that time he, another private computer operator Jani Basha, private attender K.Sanjiva Kumar, private watchman Sri Yesuratnam, Document writers and their assistants were present in the Sub-Registrar Office and etc., facts.

3) Sri Kalivela Sanjeeva Kumar S/o Sri Ananda Rao, Aged 45 Years, Private Attender, Sro Office, Piduguralla R/o Quarter No. M/18, PWD Colony, Macherla Town, Guntur District.

On examination he stated that he is resident of Macherla Town and he is working as Private attender in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla since July,2019. He is attending to office at 10 A.M. and working till 7.00 p.m. He is being paid an amount of Rs. 600/- daily by the Sub-Registrar. When he was engaged as private attender Sri Syam Babu was the Sub-Registrar. His successor Sub-Registrars i.e. Smt. Sarasajakshi and Sri Sudheer also continued him as

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private attender and payment of daily wage of Rs.600/-. On 06.12.2019 at about 4.45 p.m. ACB officials have surprised the Sub-Registrar office and at that time he, private computer operators Jani Basha, Appireddy and private watchman Yesuratnam, Document writers and their assistants were present in the Sub-Registrar Office and etc., facts.

4) Sri Vankayalapati Yesuratnam S/o Sri Pitchaiah, Aged 38 Yrs, Private Watchman, O/o SRO, Piduguralla, Guntur District.

On examination he stated that he is resident of Chennayapalem (V) of Piduguralla Mandal and he is working as Private watchman in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla since August,2019. He is being paid an amount of Rs. 11,000/- per month by the Sub-Registrar. When he was engaged as private watchman Sri Syam Babu was the Sub-Registrar. His successor sub-Registrars i.e. Smt. Sarasajakshi and Sri Sudheer also continued him as private watchman. On 06.12.2019 at about 4.45 p.m. ACB officials have surprised the Sub-Registrar office and at that time he private computer operators Jani Basha, Appireddy and private attender K.Sanjiva Kumar, Document writers and their assistants were present in the Sub-Registrar Office and etc., facts

5) Sri Komma Rama Mohana Rao S/o Sri Sriramulu, Aged 58 Years, Joint Sub-Registrar-1, Narasaraopet, Guntur District.

During the course of surprise check, when the Addl. SP, ACB, Guntur examined, he stated that with regard to the irregularities noticed against the Sub Registrar and other staff of Sub Registrar office, Piduguralla with regard to the allowing of document writers for the purpose of registration related works along with parties into the office is violation of the orders of the Department/Government. The possession of access amount than the declared amount by the staff of Sub Registrar, Piduguralla in Personal Cash Declaration Register is also a violation. Engaging private persons as data entry operators and to meddle with the Government computers and data is also a violation as per the standing orders of the Inspector General, Registration and stamps Department and etc., facts

6) Sri Md. Mahaboob Khan S/o Sri Masthan Khan, Aged 52 Years, Sub Treasury Officer, District Treasury Office, Guntur R/o D. No. 93-28-864, Ward No. 26, "0"Lane, A.T. Agraharam, Guntur, (Mediator No.1).

7) Kum. Madaka Vijaya Lakshmi D/o M. China Ranga Rao, Aged 34 Years, Senior Assistant, District Treasury Office, Guntur R/o D. No. 8-12-14/2, 9th Lane, Nehru Nagar, Guntur, (Mediator No.2).

Witness Nos. 6 and 7 are the mediators to the surprise check conducted on 06.12.2019 on the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla, Guntur District and drafted the mediators report dt. 06.12.2019.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:

1) Mediators Report Dated 06-12-2019 From 16.45 Hours To 23.30 Hours drafted by the mediators at office of the Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla, Guntur District.

It contains the proceedings dt. 06.12.2019 conducted during the surprise check on Sub-Registrar Office, Piduguralla, irregularities noticed against the officials, Amounts and documents seized and etc. facts.

2) Govt. Circular Memo No.40254/VIG.VI(1)/2008-1, dt. 29.9.08

The Govt. through this memo has instructed all the Registration Department officials that "Engaging private persons and collection of mamools and allowing Document Writers to enter in to the Sub-Registrar offices, engaging private persons to assist in office work, and delay in handing over of registered documents to the parties as the violation and suitable Disciplinary action will be initiated against the erring officials."

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3) Circular No.24 dated: 28.10.1998 of the Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps Department, A.P., Hyderabad.

4) Circular Memo No. Card2/5979/2013 Dt. 18.04.2013 of the Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps Department, A.P., Hyderabad.

Perusal of the above circulars in Sl.Nos.3 and 4 revealed that the Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps Department, A.P., Hyderabad has issued the above circulars instructing the officials of the Stamps and Registration Dept. that 'no person other than an employee of the Registration and Stamps Department shall be allowed to handle the computer systems or the peripherals for any purpose whosoever and only the authorized representatives of the vendors may be allowed to handle the equipment to the extent it is required to attend the repairs or maintenance works'.

5) Letter No.80/2020 dt.10-9-2020 of District Sub-Registrar-I, Narasaraopet

The letter furnishing service particulars, job chart and officers held charge of SRO, Piduguralla from 6-6-2019 to 6-12-2019

In view of the above oral and documentary evidence, the charge against the Govt.Servant that That the Govt. Servant Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, senior assistant O/o Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, who acted as Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, temporarily between 07.11.2019 and 13.11.2019 had allowed four private persons for doing official work in the SRO Office on daily wages without any authorization from the superior officers. , is substantiated.

Thus, the Govt. Servant Smt. Medathoti Sarasijakshi, Senior Assistant O/o Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, who acted as Sub-Registrar, Piduguralla, temporarily between 07.11.2019 and 13.11.2019 by his above-mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a member of service, thereby contravened Rule 3(1)(2) & 3(5) of A.P.C.S (conduct) Rules 1964.

The Govt. Servant has rendered herself liable for disciplinary action for major penalty.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. MEDATHOTI SARASI JAKSHI, SENIOR ASSISTANT, FORMERLY INCHARGE SUB-REGISTRAR, OFFICE OF THE SUB-REGISTRAR, PIDUGURALLA, GUNTUR DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1) Surprise check proceedings dated 06.12.2019
2) Govt. Circular Memo No.40254/VIG.VI(1)/2008-1,dt.29.9.08
3) Circular No.24 dated: 28.10.1998 of the Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps Department, A.P., Hyderabad
4) Circular Memo No. Card2/5979/2013 Dt. 18.04.2013 of the Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps Department, A.P., Hyderabad
5) Letter No.80/2020 dt.10-9-2020 of District Sub-Registrar-I, Narasaraopet

If any document found necessary they will be produced at the time enquiry.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. MEDATHOTI SARASI JAKSHI, SENIOR ASSISTANT, FORMERLY INCHARGE SUB-REGISTRAR, OFFICE OF THE SUB-REGISTRAR, PIDUGURALLA, GUNTUR DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1) Sri Shaik Jani Basha S/o Sri Syda, Aged 28 Years, Private Computer Operator, SRO Office, Piduguralla
2) Sri Gurram Appireddy S/o Sri Rama Krishna Reddy, Aged 38 Years, Private Computer Operator, SRO Office, Piduguralla R/o Back Side of Anjireddy Hospital, Piduguralla, Guntur District.
3) Sri Kalivela Sanjeeva Kumar S/o Sri Ananda Rao, Aged 45 Years, Private Attender, SRO office, Piduguralla
4) Sri Vankayalapati Yesuratnam S/o Sri Pitchaiah, Aged 38 Yrs, Private Watchman, O/o SRO, Piduguralla, Guntur District.
5) Sri Komma Rama Mohana Rao S/o Sri Sriramulu, Aged 58 Years, Joint Sub-Registrar-1, Narasaraopet, Guntur District.
6) Sri Md. Mahaboob Khan S/o Sri Masthan Khan, Aged 52 Years, Sub Treasury Officer, District Treasury Office, Guntur (Mediator No.1)
7) Kum. Madaka Vijaya Lakshmi D/o M. China Ranga Rao, Aged 34 Years, Senior Assistant, District Treasury Office, Guntur (Mediator No.2).
8) Sri Ch.Ravi Babu, Dist.Inspector, ACB, Guntur Range.

If any witness found necessary they will be produced at the time enquiry.

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